

MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2000
PARAMEDIC TASK FORCE MEETING
Alameda County EMS Agency

MEMBERS	EMSA STAFF	ALTERNATES	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Debbie Becker	Richard McSherry	Linda Anderson	Dean Anderson	Jim Allen
Bill Bower	Miranda Swanson	Michael Harris	Carol Gunter	Dick Mayberry
Nancy Casazza	Connie Telford	Nancy Justin	Jim Holbrook	Dave Magnino
Bill Cody		Mike Metro	Bill Koenig	David Nevins
Sabina Imrie			Marshall Morton	Frank Pratt
Jan Ogar			Tony Pallitto	
Kevin White			Kevin Rittger	
			Sam Stratton	
				AUDIENCE
				<u>PRESENT</u>

Nancy Casazza announced that she will be replaced by Kathy Sher as the representative from CNA.

I Review and Approval of February 28, 2000 Meeting Minutes

The date of the next meeting on the last page of the January 18th minutes was incorrect. It should have read March 29, 2000 instead of April 29, 2000. Otherwise the minutes were approved with no changes.

II Setting of the Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

III Draft Model Disciplinary Guidelines

Richard McSherry gave to the Paramedic Task Force (PTF) Members a response from Deputy Attorney General Mike Hammang regarding the request from the California Fire Chiefs Association that an employer be present during an investigative interview over the objection of the paramedic being interviewed. The basic response from the Attorney General's Office was that, "Since, in the normal course of an investigation, individuals voluntarily speak with the investigator, there is no basis to force a paramedic to speak to the investigator if he or she is unwilling to do so in the presence of the employer."

Discussion included the following items:

- The need for an employer to be notified that an investigation is in progress, and that this should be put into regulation or some other vehicle which would address the sharing of information among the parties involved. Mike Metro will look into regulations and sections of the law that would address the issue of sharing of information.
- That consideration should be given under mitigating evidence when an employer suspends sponsorship or takes action causing the paramedic to be unable to work as a paramedic for a period of time while the state is completing its investigation. Richard McSherry will put language under mitigating evidence for consideration at the next meeting.
- A paramedic maintaining an EMT-I certificate while the paramedic license is on suspension. The PTF members thought that the regulations that state that a licensed paramedic is also deemed to be certified as an EMT-I should be clarified to read that the paramedic be currently licensed in good standing in order to be deemed an EMT-I.
- The issues of due process and a Bill of Rights. Kevin White and Bill Cody will bring the Bill of Rights for Peace Officers or Firefighters to the next meeting for the PTF to review.

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Kevin White provided the PTF with a copy of Alternate Dispute Resolution Authorizing Statutes. Richard McSherry will discuss these with Deputy Attorney General Mike Hammang to find out whether or not this would be applicable to paramedic licensure before further discussion.

The PTF reviewed the remaining Model Disciplinary Orders (MDOs). After some discussion on probation conditions 16 (voted on and approved), 18, 19, 20, 26, 27 and 28, **the PTF voted to approve Model Numbers 1-28** with the changes discussed which will be noted in revision 10.

Other items discussed:

Evidence of Rehabilitation was removed from the MDOs and will be considered in the licensure application aspect.

Richard McSherry will reverse the Health & Safety Code Violations with the Model Numbers for clarity in the next revision.

Other than discussion on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Statutes and Regulations at the next meeting and any grammatical corrections, **the PTF voted to approve the Model Disciplinary Orders.**

Review Board Addendum

Richard McSherry will rewrite the Review Board Proposal as a directive instead of a proposal.

It was decided to change the qualifications of the educator on the Review Board from being required to qualify as a program director for a Continuing Education Provider to qualifying as a course director or principal instructor for a Paramedic Training Program, with five or more years experience as an EMS educator in a primary paramedic training program. The specific changes will be in revision 10.

The PTF decided that the Review Board should not be divided by regions, but rather have one pool of members to select from giving thought to the location of the board members and the paramedic at the time the board is convened.

New Section or Regulation - Criteria for Denying or Revoking a License

Section (a)(1) was changed from being required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code to committing any sexually related offense specified under Section 290.

On Section (b)(3) the PTF felt that when referring to misdemeanor convictions and the denial or revocation of a license that it should be more specific and identify the types of misdemeanors. Richard McSherry will make the changes to the criteria for denying or revoking a license and will make the changes for the PTF to discuss at the next meeting.

IV Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting will be April 25, 2000.